

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Kawerak Inc.****Project Title:****Kawerak Inc. - Shishmaref Beach Erosion****State Funding Requested: \$ 50,000****House District: 40 - T**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

The community of Shishmaref needs to be relocated due to extreme erosion. Funding would provide for some organized planning regarding the relocation process for the community.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$50,000**Funding Secured

Amount FY

Other Pending Requests

Amount FY

Anticipated Future Need

Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Shishmaref is a traditional Inupiat Eskimo village located in Northwest Alaska on Sarichef Island in the Chuckchi Sea, just north of the Bering Strait. In the past, in the early fall the ocean and lagoon waters would freeze over so when the fall storms hit the beach and shoreline were protected by a natural barrier of ice. In recent years, the water does not freeze until late in the fall or early winter leaving the beach and shoreline unprotected from the sea. It is believed that changing climate patterns are causing much of the problem. Every fall the storms are causing substantial erosion and damage to the community infrastructure. Currently, critical infrastructure such as the sewage lagoon, water supply, public wash facilities, community store, and the fuel tanks are at risk of being damaged or lost to the sea. The community is in the process of relocating and a site has been selected. This funding would provide for some organized planning regarding the relocation process for the community. This funding request was originally contained in the FY08 supplemental but was moved into the FY09 capital budget as requested.

Project Timeline:

Money would be expended during the summer of 2008.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Kawerak Inc.

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No